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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 12, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included planting corn, cotton, rice, sorghum and soybeans. Row crop farmers had an ideal week for planting crops. Warm temperatures allowed the germination of seed to take place in four to six days. Summer pastures and hay land need a rain to activate applied fertilizer. Soil moisture is 1 percent very short, 30 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	99	94	97	85	0	5	28	50	17
	Emerged	96	82	90	78					
Cotton	Planted	85	37	60	55	0	1	12	58	29
	Emerged	56	---	43	40					
Rice	Planted	93	79	93	66	0	5	33	40	22
	Emerged	78	61	80	52					
Sorghum	Planted	73	66	72	60	0	3	13	56	28
	Emerged	58	50	62	50					
Soybeans	Planted	60	29	33	19	0	0	23	50	27
	Emerged	38	18	27	15					
Wheat	Jointing	100	100	100	100					
	Heading	99	89	100	95	0	2	25	34	39
	Mature	28	4	11	13					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	43	25	21	---	0	9	33	48	10
Peanuts	Planted	67	64	72	47	0	2	38	60	0
Sweet potatoes	Planted	12	10	7	18					
Watermelons	Planted	90	88	82	81	0	0	22	71	7
Blueberries						16	39	17	24	4
Cattle						0	5	27	50	18
Pasture						0	9	36	47	8

County Agent Comments

"Growers are off to a good start with spring seeded crops. Wheat continues to look good. High winds have delayed herbicide applications on rice."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Warm temperatures allowed pastures to start growing. Rye grass intended for hay is poor. Cotton planting will be completed in 4-5 days. Corn is looking good. Sweet potato slips are doing much better since warm weather arrived."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Cotton producers have had an ideal week for planting. It looks as though our cotton crop will all be planted in a 7-10 day period. Boll weevil trap counts are very low."

— Walter Alford, Montgomery County

"Peanut planting is almost complete. We are just getting started on cotton. Moisture is getting short in some fields. Summer pastures are coming on slowly. Gardens are off to a slow start. Chinch bugs have been founded in corn. Pine trees were badly damaged from the hail storm a month ago."

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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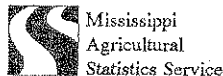
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Weather Summary From May 6, 1996 to May 12, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	87	58	75	70	+6	1.49	+0.36	3	7.67	86	67	76	0.27
Cleveland	90	53	75			1.25		2	7.28				
Tunica	89	50	72	69	+4	2.20	+0.93	3	2.58	87	66	76	
Extreme/Average	90	50	74	69	+5	1.65	+0.45	3	5.84	87	66	76	0.27
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	88	46	72	66	+6	2.33	+0.95	4	4.60	82	61	73	0.19
Memphis	85	51	72	70	+2	3.24	+2.01	3	6.02				
Oxford	88	46	73	67	+6	0.88	-0.79	1	4.87				
Extreme/Average	88	46	72	68	+5	2.14	+0.72	3	5.16	82	61	73	0.19
3. Northeast													
Booneville	85	50	72	67	+5	0.81	-0.46	3	7.04				
Corinth	89	49	74	68	+5	1.78	+0.72	4	6.70				
Iuka	85	45	69			1.17		3	6.94				
Pontotoc	87	50	73	68	+6	1.06	-0.21	3	7.20	89	66	77	0.25
Tupelo	86	50	71	69	+2	0.55	-1.09	2	5.81				
Verona	88	51	74			0.50		2	6.48	83	62	74	0.21
Extreme/Average	89	45	72	68	+4	0.88	-0.33	3	6.70	89	62	75	0.21
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	90	52	76	71	+5	0.99	-0.11	2	7.56	92	72	83	
Greenwood	89	53	75	71	+4	0.69	-0.70	2	6.50				
Rolling Fork	91	54	77			1.14	+0.11	2	7.55	95	75	87	0.24
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	89	64	78	71	+6	1.22	-0.22	1	3.27				
Extreme/Average	91	52	76	71	+5	1.01	-0.23	2	6.22	95	72	85	0.24
5. Central													
Carthage	88	52	74	69	+5	0.44	-0.72	2	3.98				
Jackson	87	56	74	71	+4	0.54	-0.80	1	2.88				
Winona	84	57	72	67	+5	0.34	-0.94	1	6.02				
Extreme/Average	88	52	73	69	+5	0.44	-0.82	1	4.96				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	90	51	78			0.00	-0.85	0	3.17				
Columbus	89	52	74			0.00		0	3.77				
State University	88	51	75	69	+6	0.02	-1.04	1	1.59	95	67	82	
Extreme/Average	90	51	76	69	+7	0.01	-0.95	0	2.84	95	67	82	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	89	57	76			0.57		1	4.41	87	70	80	
Natchez	87	64	76	72	+4	1.70	+0.16	1	5.93				
Oakley	87	56	76			0.37	-0.86	1	5.74	93	70	81	
Vicksburg	87	57	76			0.00		0	7.11				
Extreme/Average	89	56	76	72	+4	0.66	-0.73	1	5.80	93	70	81	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	88	63	76	72	+4	0.08	-1.08	1	4.82				
McComb	86	60	75	71	+4	0.00	-1.63	0	1.77				
Extreme/Average	88	60	76	72	+4	0.04	-1.36	1	3.20				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	91	60	77			0.00		0	3.09	98	74	85	
Hattiesburg	87	57	74	71	+3	0.17	-0.96	1	3.23				
Laurel													
Meridian	86	54	72	70	+2	0.03	-1.10	1	1.71				
Newton	87	54	74	69	+5	0.05	-0.86	1	3.00	85	62	75	0.21
Extreme/Average	91	54	74	70	+4	0.06	-1.00	1	2.76	98	62	80	0.21
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	86	63	74			0.41		2	11.22				
Biloxi	84	17	74			0.04		1	6.54				
Gulfport	83	64	76	74	+3	0.35	-0.70	1	8.57				
Pascagoula	82	59	72	74	-2	0.58	-0.53	1	8.68				
Poplarville	88	64	76	72	+3	0.14	-1.23	2	2.21	95	70	82	0.24
Extreme/Average	88	17	74	73	+1	0.30	-0.88	1	7.44	95	70	82	0.24
State		17	74	70	+4	0.73	-0.51	2	5.09	88	61	79	0.22

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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